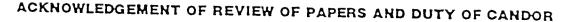
EXHIBIT A



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COMBINED DECLARATION AND	POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that	
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INVENTORSHIP IDEN	TIFICATION
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My residence, post office address and citizenship I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are I is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the	are as stated below next to my name. (if only one name is listed below) or an isted below) of the subject matter which
TITLE OF INVE	NTION
OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS AND METHOR	FOR SETTING CONTROL PARAMETERS
SPECIFICATION IDEN	ITIFICATION
the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))	
(a) is attached hereto.	•
(b) ☑ was filed on <u>June 3, 1998</u> or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. (not yet known
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(c) was described and claimed in	PCT International Application No.
amended under PCT Article 19 on	and as (if any).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

(also check the following items, if desired)

- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
 - In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

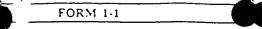
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- (d) no such applications have been filed.
- (e) 🖾 such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

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Japan	9-147522	05/06/1997	☑ YES NO □
Japan	9-147524	05/06/1997	☑ YES NO □
Japan ·	9-153363	11/06/1997	☑ YES NO □
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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(check the following item, if applicable)

Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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